

FOUR POWER TREATY IS SIGNED

Senators Start Fight Against Treaty Ratification

FLOOD DANGER RELIEVED; RAIN STOPS FALLING

Lower Temperatures Today in Western Washington Lessens Dread.

ONE TOWN FLOODED WHEN DYKES BREAK

Portions of Seattle Are Under Water—Traffic Is Still Crippled.

SEATTLE, Wash., Dec. 13.—Cessation of heavy rains and lowered temperatures today gave promise of some relief of the flood conditions in Western Washington. Many rivers are reported slightly receding today. The town of Stanwood, near Everett, was flooded when the protecting dykes broke. The water covered the main street to a depth of two feet.

Portions of Seattle are still under water.

Rail and telegraph communications are still hampered.

The Yakima River in Eastern Washington is today two feet above the highest recorded.

Heavy damage is expected to result near Ellensburg unless the waters fall.

MUCH LAND FLOODED.

BELLINGHAM, Wash., Dec. 13.—Thousands of acres of land along the Swagit River is inundated.

The streets of Burlington and Hamilton are flooded.

This afternoon the flood condition was showing slight signs of improvement.

Reports received from Everett indicate a heavy property loss at Ebey Island in the Snohomish River delta which is covered with livestock.

Scores are fleeing from the island. The Pacific Highway in many places is under six feet of water.

LAST CALL FOR MAIL OUTSIDE SEATTLE CITY

Packages for Other Than Seattle and Vicinity Must Be Mailed Tomorrow.

Tomorrow will be the last day that Christmas mail for points any place outside of Seattle and immediate vicinity can be mailed here with any assurance that they will reach their destination by Christmas day. Mail of all classes will be accepted tomorrow for dispatch on the steamer Princess Mary, leaving this port for the South early Thursday morning.

Postmaster Z. M. Bradford is prepared for an exceedingly busy day all day tomorrow and the post office force will be augmented with enough help to handle all the extra mail that may be posted. He gives warning to everyone to have Christmas mail in the office some time during the day if they wish it to reach its destination in time for the great day.

For Seattle and points immediately adjacent to it, the steamer Spokane, due to leave here for the South on December 17-18 will be the Christmas boat. The vessel should reach Seattle by December 22, giving the mail two days to reach its destination. This does not include Christmas day, Sunday, when no deliveries will be made.

Week's Mail Tonight

The steamer Alameda, scheduled to arrive here at 6 o'clock tonight, should have six and a half days' mail for Juneau. Among this will be the advance Christmas mail. The Princess Mary that is also due this evening at 8 o'clock should have only Canadian mail. The Spokane, which left Seattle this morning, will have three days' mail and among it there will be considerable that will signify that Christmas is coming.

Watson Christmas Ship
The steamer Admiral Watson.

Alaska Forests Furnish National Industry Says Chief of Forestry Service

"I CAN SING" WAS JOYFUL CRY OF CARUSO BEFORE HIS DEATH

Caruso's Brother Here to Settle Estate of Singer.

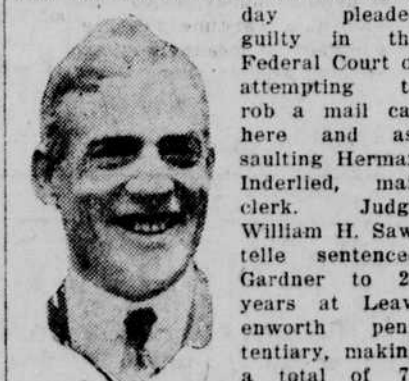


Giovanni Caruso

Giovanni Caruso, younger brother of the great tenor who died in Italy several months ago, arrived in New York to close up the affairs of the Caruso estate in this country. Immediately after landing Caruso got in touch with the singer's widow. She will assist him in itemizing the property which Enrico Caruso held here. The brother was accompanied by his lawyer. They were met at the pier by Bruno Zarato, former secretary of Caruso. The brother does not speak English. Through an interpreter he asked to be excused from saying anything.

Gardner Pleads Guilty; To Operate on His Skull

PHOENIX, Ariz., Dec. 13.—Roy Gardner, escaped mail train bandit, who was arrested here last month, today pleaded guilty in the Federal Court of attempting to rob a mail car here and assaulting Herman Inderlied, mail clerk. Judge William H. Sawtelle sentenced Gardner to 25 years at Leavenworth penitentiary, making a total of 75 years.



Gardner faces. It is understood the prison authorities will be asked to operate on Gardner's skull and remove a pressure said to have been the cause for his criminality.

scheduled to leave Seattle December 17, will be the real Santa Claus ship for Gastineau Channel points. On that boat there will be four days' mail and in this mail will be the bulk of the Christmas packages for residents of the Channel. The boat should reach here by Wednesday, December 21, in plenty of time so that everyone will get their Christmas parcels long before Christmas Eve. This will be the last boat touching here before Christmas.

Much Leaving

Christmas mail is flowing from here in a steady stream and before the last is dispatched many hundreds of sacks will have gone. On the Alameda last night 48 sacks, filled with every imaginable Christmas gift, was dispatched from the Juneau office.

NEW YORK, Dec. 13.—Mrs. Enrico Caruso has told a reporter about the golden-voiced singer's last song.

White-faced, white-lipped, with only an occasional hint of the flashing smile that belonged to the Dorothy Park Benjamin of other days, the beautiful young widow sat among her roses and her memories, no less colorful and sweet than the flowers in her apartment.

Her eyes, still shadowed by the mystery of grief, rested upon a photograph of her husband while she spoke:

"It was five days before he died. A boy had come to have his voice heard, but he had nothing with which to sing; he was quite hopeless.

"I left them and went upstairs. I could hear the boy trying. Suddenly there was a golden flood of sound. It was the aria from 'Martha,' poured into the morning as it could be by only one.

"I rushed out of my room, but Enrico was before me, calling from the foot of the steps.

"Dorothy! Dorothy! he kept calling, 'I can sing! I haven't lost my voice, as they said I would! I have all my strength! I'm not even tired!'"

"I hurried to him and found that the singing had not weakened him; but it was the first since his illness, and I was worried greatly. I asked why he had sung.

"The boy was so impossible," he answered, 'I couldn't help showing him how!'"

"It was his last song; five days later he was dead. But he died happier because of knowing that his voice was not gone."

Japanese Premier Is Against U. S. And Australia

TOKIO, Dec. 13.—Premier Tawarashi is quoted here as saying: "I favor sending Japanese to South America, where they would be welcomed rather than to the United States or Australia. I favor sending them to Brazil."

CLAIMS BONUS BILL WILL BE PASSED SOON

National Commander of American Legion Is Given Tip — Spreads it.

INDIANAPOLIS, Ind., Dec. 13.—United States Senator Porter J. McCumber, of North Dakota, author of the Soldiers' Bonus Bill, informed National Commander Hanford MacNider, of the American Legion, that the bill will probably be passed by Congress within 90 days.

This is according to a telegram received from MacNider.

BONUS ACT UPHELD.

SALEM, Ore., Dec. 13.—The State Supreme Court today upheld the constitutionality of the Oregon Soldiers' bonus act.

Reduction Is Ordered in N. Y. Navy Yard Personnel

NEW YORK, Dec. 13.—Orders received today at the navy yard provide for a reduction in the 10,000 enlisted personnel. As a result it is expected many ships will be laid up and crews greatly reduced on many others.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 13.—Col. W. B. Greeley, Chief of the Forestry Service, in his annual report made public today, declared that the United States, for the first time, has in Alaska "opportunity to guide the development of an immense forest region from the standpoint of permanent national interests."

"This means the expansion of Alaska forest industries rapidly as there is a market for their products but within limits as control is necessary to keep the land productive for the market supply of raw material for manufacture into lumber and paper, which will be perpetual."

Colonel Greeley, in his report, said he believed that with wise handling, the Alaska forests will result in a paper industry "capable of supplying a third of the present paper consumption in the United States."

Colonel Greeley said the "primary needs of Alaska are transportation, particularly marine, and decentralized administration of public resources and affairs in the Territory itself."

PREMIER CRAIG CLAIMS ULSTER NOT TO SWERVE

Admits Present Situation Is Gave But Is Hoping for Sky to Clear.

BELFAST, Dec. 13.—Sir James Craig, Premier of Ulster, today described the Irish peace situation as grave but counseled optimism.

Premier Craig said: "Ulster is determined not to swerve one inch from the path she has worked out and will not alter her ideals."

The Premier accused Lloyd George with breaking his pledge to Ulster.

FAVORS RATIFICATION

DUBLIN, Dec. 13.—The students of Trinity College today went on record as favoring the ratification of the Anglo-Irish peace treaty.

Explosion, Fire Nearly Wrecks Chemical Works

PASSIAC, N. J., Dec. 13.—The Heyden Chemical Works in Garfield, which was acquired two years ago by the Alien Property Custodian for \$1,500,000, was last night damaged \$500,000 by an explosion and fire. A score of workmen were injured. The main building was destroyed and five smaller buildings were damaged.

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MORE SHOPPING DAYS 'TIL CHRISTMAS

PRINCESS MARY TO WED.



The betrothal of Princess Mary, only daughter of King George and Queen Mary of England, to Viscount Lascelles has been officially announced in London. Viscount Lascelles is the oldest son of the Earl of Harewood. He is thirty-nine years old and won distinction in the World War, being wounded three times and winning the Distinguished Service Order and the French Croix de Guerre. Princess Mary was twenty-four years old last April. It was learned from a close friend of the couple that the wedding would take place some time between Christmas and the beginning of the Lenten season.

Red Pepper Used By Women to Stop Miners at Work

PITTSBURGH, Kans., Dec. 13.—Militant women and followers of Alexander Howatt, imprisoned president of the Kansas district miners, stormed two mines of the Central Coal & Coke Company, stopped the work and drove 85 miners away through the use of red pepper, stones and bricks.

BUREAU CIVIL AVIATION NOW IS ADVOCATED

New York Senator Has Introduced Bill—Would Make Indians Citizens.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 13.—Senator James W. Wadsworth, Jr., of New York, today introduced a bill creating a bureau of civil aviation in the Department of Commerce. A commissioner would supervise air routes, landing fields, licensing pilots and regulate the carrying of passengers and freight.

Indians as Citizens

In the annual report of the Indian commissioner it is recommended that the conferring of citizenship on all Indian non-citizens be suggested the government continue its "protective supervision over their property affairs."

For Hospitalization

The Senate has voted \$1,000,000 for additional hospitalization, being told by Senator Henry F. Ashurst of Arizona, that "hundreds of service men were dying of tuberculosis" on the deserts of Arizona, where they had gone seeking cure for disabilities resulting from German gas attacks.

HELIUM GAS IS NEEDED OPINION OF NAVY EXPERT

Congress Will Be Asked to Make Appropriation for Non-Explosive Gas.

FORT WORTH, Tex., Dec. 13.—Hope that Congress will see the possibility of helium non-explosive balloon gas—not as a war-time measure, but for purposes of peace, was expressed by Commander Allen G. Olson, in charge of the helium plant operated near Fort Worth by the United States navy. The limitation of armament program should not in-

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PRESIDENT HARDING ACCEPTS HONORARY PRESIDENCY MAGNA CHARTA ASSOCIATION

ST. PAUL, Minn., Dec. 13.—President Harding has accepted the post of honorary president of the Magna Charta Day Association, which seeks to further general recognition of Magna Charta Day in Anglo-Saxon nations.

The association, founded by J. W. Hamilton of St. Paul, is rapidly completing its international organization under direction of Dr. William J. Johnstone of St. Paul, its president.

Replying to Dr. Johnstone's invitation to become honorary president, President Harding wrote:

"Thank you for your notification that I have been selected to serve as honorary president for the United States of the Magna Charta Day Association.

"Believing that you are doing a useful and patriotic work in your efforts to secure a commemoration of this occasion and a popular understanding of its significance to the Anglo-Saxon nations, I accept the position with pleasure."

Twenty vice presidents each will be designated for the United States, Canada and England, to serve in an

FOUR NATIONS MAKE PACT ON PACIFIC TREATY

Plenipotentiaries of the Four Powers Formally Sign Treaty Today.

SENATE IMMEDIATELY OPENS FIGHT ON PACT

Borah and Reed Oppose Quadruple Alliance—Poindexter Defends.

BULLETIN—WASHINGTON, Dec. 13.—Japan's acceptance of the "5-5-3" naval ratio has been communicated to the American and British delegations to the arms conference. An agreement is expected to be made binding late this week.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 12.—The plenipotentiaries of the United States, Great Britain, France and Japan formally signed the new quadruple power treaty to preserve peace on the Pacific.

The signatures were affixed in the ante-room of the State Department without ceremony.

Approval of the United States is given subject to written understanding with Japanese providing the American-Japanese-Yap treaty will be consummated before the four power treaty is binding.

Except for this reservation, which is expected to be erased within a few days by signatures to the Island of Yap treaty, the new agreement requires only parliamentary ratification to make it binding.

The American official copy now goes to President Harding for transmission to the Senate where it is expected to reach shortly.

FIGHT ON TREATY.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 12.—The fight on the quadruple treaty has started in the United States Senate with the pact being denounced and defended.

Senators Borah and Reed led the attack on the pact, the former devoting his attention to article 2 which he compared to article 10 of the Versailles covenant declaring the treaty compelled a conference to make "real disarmament" an actuality or make the treaty "a straight out military alliance."

Senator Borah said that the attitude towards the treaty must be shown to the extent and progress of real disarmament and to the Chinese questions and it would be discouraging if the conference adjourned without barring submarines, poisonous gases and other "barbarous weapons of warfare."

Defense of the pact was conducted largely by Senator Miles Poindexter, of Washington.

Declaring that the new four power treaty had "all the inequities of the League of Nations with none of its virtues," Senator LaFollette this afternoon announced formally he was prepared to "do all in his power to prevent the treaty's ratification."

honorary capacity, with executive vice presidents in those countries in active charge of the organization's work.

The association has extended its work to the "seven English speaking nations," the United States, Canada, Newfoundland, the British Isles, South Africa, New Zealand and Australia.

The association emphasizes it is not seeking to have established an international holiday, but urges that the press and the public, public schools and colleges, give a place each year to fitting expressions of the significance of the day.

Among those who have accepted places on the national committee in this country are Dr. Marion LeRoy Burton, president of the University of Michigan; Dr. Samuel Fallows, presiding bishop of the Reformed Episcopal Church; Dr. John Grier Hibben, president of Princeton; Senator Henry L. Myers, of Montana; Dr. Cyrus Northrop, president emeritus, University of Minnesota; Dr. David Starr Jordan.